CITY OF GUSTAVUS

Resolution No 2007-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS DELEGATING RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GUSTAVUS DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING (DRC) COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATING ALL OR PART OF THE DRC FACILITY TO ADDRESS THE LONGTERM NEEDS OF THE CITY;

Whereas the Gustavus DRC represents valuable and essential infrastructure for the City; and

Whereas the DRC is recognized as a model landfill and recycling operation by State of Alaska and grant-funding agencies; and

Whereas ownership of the 12 acre community landfill site of 60 years, currently operated by the DRC, has recently been transferred from the State of Alaska to the City of Gustavus; and

Whereas bale fill space on the 12 acre property is ultimately limited; and

Whereas disposal of bulky construction/demolition debris at the site consumes landfill space disproportionately; and

Whereas the food waste composting operation has occasioned controversy among a few neighbors; and

Whereas the DRC site is not appropriate for septage processing, which is a new function needed by Gustavus; and

Whereas community input to the Strategic Plan expressed an interest in providing a suitable, different, long term site for the DRC; and

Whereas the DRC Committee has previously explored new site options for existing and potential DRC functions, without reaching definitive conclusions; and

Whereas the existing site could remain as a collection and transfer site for the convenience of the residents, and still be used for bailing, glass crushing and other related activities, while some functions may be conducted elsewhere;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Gustavus directs the DRC Committee to complete a definitive exploration of new site options, for comparison to the existing site, for all or some of the existing DRC functions, and for the additional function of septage processing. Analysis shall address regulatory and environmental protection requirements, operating efficiency, and the long term ability of the DRC to meet the needs, expectations, and values of the community. The Committee shall prepare a report with objective business cases for each option for submission to the Council. The City Council will make appropriate resources available to the Committee for engineering consulting services needed for the completion of this work. The Committee will be responsible for managing the project, including consulting services, on behalf of the Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 8th day of March, 2007.

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